Winter 2022 Quarter

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To Whom It May Concern:

The University of California San Diego is committed to providing primarily in-person instruction throughout the 2021-2022 academic year, subject to restrictions imposed by state and local health authorities in response to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.

To prioritize the health and safety of our campus community, on January 3, 2022, the official start of the Winter 2022 quarter, all coursework will start through remote methods of instruction until January 28, 2022. Beginning Monday, January 31, 2022, the University expects all students – including F-1 and J-1 international students – to transition into a full program of study that requires engagement in combination of in-person and/or hybrid instruction for the remainder of the winter term. The first four weeks of remote instruction will accommodate for resumption of teaching and research operations while also allowing for testing, sequestering, and booster doses for students, faculty, and staff during the initial phase of returning to campus. The delayed start of in-person and/or hybrid instruction may also accommodate individuals entering the U.S. after the start of instruction due to possible travel or visa challenges abroad.

Due to the shift to in-person and/or hybrid instruction after the official start of coursework, the International Students & Programs Office at the University of California San Diego thereby requests your assistance in prioritizing our F-1 and J-1 student visa applications, and if necessary, granting expedited visa appointments to facilitate their timely travel to the U.S. this winter. Although UC San Diego’s winter quarter officially begins on January 3, 2022, all students should make plans to arrive to the U.S. to transition to in-person and/or hybrid instruction no later than the first day of in-person instruction on Monday, January 31, 2022.

Students enrolled in coursework for the Winter 2022 term with an initial I-20 or DS-2019 as well as continuing students with a valid I-20 or DS-2019 seeking entry to the U.S. after the start of in-person instruction, Monday, January 31, 2022, may do so in consultation with their academic department and academic advisors.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the UC San Diego International Students & Programs Office at istudents@ucsd.edu

Sincerely,

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